

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present: Alan Hart, Ken Witkoe, Ray Dotson, Mark Peila, Tod Wolf and Mark Terry

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: None

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: James Hairston

City Councilmember Present: Councilmember Mike Brandstetter

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Yajaira Gonzalez

Staff Present: Chief Mike Zaro, Assistant City Attorney Samantha Johnson and Committee Staff Support, Joanna LaVergne, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Peila motioned to approve the December meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Ames' email was read into the record.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council member Mike Brandstetter discussed the road construction projects around the City, to include Gravelly Lake Drive and Nyanza. There will be a lot of roundabouts going in, four in total.

Council member Mike Brandstetter gave a Fireworks Ordinance update; City Council has handed it off to Lakewood Police Department and PSAC for education purposes, so it will be on the Work Plan for a while. Councilmember Brandstetter stated that the City Council had also added reviewing the Lakewood Dashboard on the City website, to give a public perspective on what maybe needs to be updated and/or refreshed, as well as what they'd like to see on the dashboard. There is no due date for PSAC's report.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams discussed recent cases, to include the January 4th fire, as well as giving an update on West Pierce Cares, and the Larry Saunders Award recipient, all of whom worked together to place an AED at Ft. Steilacoom Park. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams stated that they had added a part-time Bi-lingual (Spanish speaking) Outreach Coordinator to their staff and added that Martin would love to help with the Fireworks Ordinance education outreach.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Chief Michael Zaro stated that he has no new information regarding the public comment; still waiting for the investigation to be wrapped up.

Chief Michael Zaro also gave an update on PCFIT (Pierce County Force Investigation Team). They interviewed 60 applicants for the investigator positions, in roughly 2.5 days.

Chief Michael Zaro briefly highlighted the 4th quarter report. Discussion ensued.

Chair Ken Witkoe asked about jail booking restrictions due to Covid. Discussion ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Yajaira Gonzalez gave a Youth Council update, stating they were working on the Lakewood Parade. She will give more of an update at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Ken Witkoe asked Joanna LaVergne to add "Review the Dashboard" to the Work Plan, then asked the members to review the dashboard themselves, and send their thoughts to Joanna

prior to the April meeting. Mark Peila asked for clarification regarding what Council wanted PSAC to review. Councilmember Mike Brandstetter stated they wanted PSAC to focus on all public safety issues and what they would like to see captured on the Dashboard.

Chair Ken Witkoe made a recommendation to table recruitment from the Work Plan, for the foreseeable future. Mark Peila made a motion to table recruitment until Covid restrictions have been lifted and City Council is looking at applications again. Alan Hart seconded the motion. Mark Terry stated he was in the process of recruiting someone. Discussion ensued. All ayes; recruitment tabled for now.

Chair Ken Witkoe asked Ray Dotson to give an update on the PSAC gear. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Ken Witkoe asked Joanna LaVergne to play the YouTube video he had found in relation to the Clover Creek railroad crossing. Discussion ensued. Chair Witkoe stated he will ask Councilmember Brandstetter for some options that PSAC can do to keep this crossing on everyone's radar; he will ask Chief Zaro to assist, as well.

Chair Ken Witkoe stated he had wanted to ask, and will save it for the next meeting, if Chief Zaro had a budget for the Fireworks Education worked out yet.

Chair Ken Witkoe previewed next month's meeting; Joanna will reach out to Public Works to try to schedule the City lighting update.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

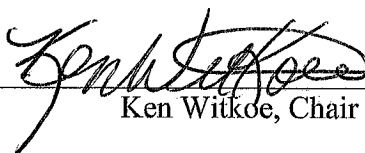
Members discussed their Neighborhood Associations, as applicable; most are either not meeting or meeting via Zoom right now.

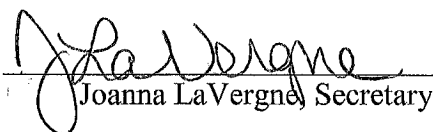
ADJOURNMENT

Mark Peila motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:


Ken Witkoe, Chair


Joanna LaVergne, Secretary